

**INITIAL FINDINGS OF THE RETENTION INTERVENTION TEAM ON  
ATTRITION DATA 2003-2007**

The data reflects volatility in attrition/retention over the five academic years studied, but we find no conclusive trends or patterns among the variables we considered. Those variables were:

- Attrition of ALANA students compared to overall student attrition
- Average and median cumulative grade point averages of attritted students compared to retained students in the final semester of enrollment
- Average & median unpaid balance of attritted students - at point of attrition
- Average family income of attritted students compared to retained students
- Average financial aid of attritted students compared to retained students
- Average financial need of attritted students compared to retained students
- Average financial gap of attritted students compared to retained students (excluding need-met)
- Average indebtedness of attritted students compared to retained students

**Findings:**

- ALANA student attrition is proportional with overall student attrition
- The grade point average of attritted students is lower than that of retained students
- The average unpaid balance at the point of attrition (Fall to Spring) has increased from \$6,000 in 2003-04 to \$8,000 in 2006-07
- The Retention Intervention Team believes that are other factors involved in attrition that we have not yet studied, and that the complexity of these other factors makes them formidable to quantify.
- The data does not support a hypothesis that the 9% tuition increase for 2007-08, when taken as a solitary factor, has adversely impacted student retention

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